



File Code: 1950
Date: June 25, 2013

Dear Jonathan, Gary, Jeff and Brad:

Enclosed is a copy of the Response to Comments and Errata for the Saddle Camp Vegetation Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Decision Notice/Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). This assessment was conducted under the new objection period rules (36 CFR 218). I have included you in this mailing because you have an interest in, or previously requested to be on the project mailing list, or have submitted specific comments related to the project.

The Saddle Camp Vegetation Management Project is designed to reduce roadside fuels along Forest Road 107, increase big game browse, and improve forest health in the Indian Graves and Lost Creek drainages. The project area includes all or portions of Sections 3–5, 8–10, 15–18, 19–22, 29, and 30 of T36N R11E (Boise Meridian), Idaho County, Idaho.

Alternative 3, the preferred alternative, would treat approximately 3,465 acres in order to lower fuel loads, improve big game browse, and improve forest health. Treatments would include about 158 acres of Forest Road 107 roadside fuel treatment (thinning and pruning), about 3,216 acres of prescribed landscape burning, about 71 acres of commercial thinning, and about 20 acres of regeneration harvest. Timber harvest activities would include both ground-based and skyline yarding systems. Roughly 500 feet of temporary road would be built and then obliterated after use to access the commercial thin units.

I am the Responsible Official who will issue a decision on this project. Additional information regarding this proposal can be obtained by contacting Karen Smith, Project Team Leader, telephone (208) 935-4252, fax (208) 935-4275.

Opportunity to Object

This proposed project is subject to the objection process pursuant to 36 CFR 218. It is not subject to notice, comment and appeal provisions pursuant to 36 CFR 215.

Eligibility to File Objections

Objections will be accepted only from those who have previously submitted written comments specific to the proposed project during scoping or other opportunity for public comment (36 CFR 218.5). The publication date of this legal notice is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection (36 CFR 218.6). Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

Issues raised in objection must be based on previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project or activity and attributed to the objector, unless the issue is based on new information that arose after the opportunities for comment (36 CFR 218.8 (c)). Incorporation of documents by reference is not allowed, except for exceptions noted in 36 CFR 218.8(b).



At a minimum, an objection must include the following (36 CFR 218.8(d)):

1. *The objector's name and address, with a telephone number if available;*
2. *A signature or other verification of authorship upon request (a scanned signature for Email may be filed with the objection);*
3. *When multiple names are listed on the objection, identification of the lead objector (verification of the identity of the lead objector will be provided upon request);*
4. *The name of the proposed project, the name and title of the Responsible Official, and the name(s) of the National Forest(s) and/or Ranger District(s) on which the proposed project will be implemented; and*
5. *A description of those aspects of the proposed project addressed by the objection, including specific issues related to the proposed project; how the objector believes the environmental analysis or draft decision specifically violates law, regulation, or policy; suggested remedies that would resolve the objection; supporting reasons for the reviewing officer to consider and*
6. *A statement that demonstrates the connection between prior specific written comments on the particular proposed project or activity and the content of the objection, unless the objection concerns an issue that arose after the designated opportunity for comment.*

An objection, including any attachments, must be filed in writing (regular mail, fax, Email, hand-delivery, express delivery, or messenger service) with the Reviewing Officer within 45 days of the date of publication of the legal notice (36 CFR 218.7(c)) in the Lewiston Tribune. The Reviewing Officer for this project is Rick Brazell, Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest Supervisor. Objections may be submitted to him by mail at: Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest, 903 3rd St., Kamiah, ID 83536; by fax at (208) 935-4275; or by Email at comments-northern-clearwater@fs.fed.us. The acceptable formats for submitting an electronic objection are: MS Word, Word Perfect, or RTF. Please type "Saddle Camp Vegetation Management Project Objection" in the e-mail subject line. Hand-delivered objections will be accepted at the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest Supervisors Office, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. All objections will be open to public inspection during the objection process (36 CFR 218.8).

Sincerely,

CRAIG TRULOCK
Lochsa/Powell District Ranger

Enclosures (1)